



**MINUTES**  
**GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**May 21, 2012**

**Call to Order by the Chairman**

The May 21, 2012 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:05 p.m. in the Village Hall Lunch Room.

**Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum**

Roll call was taken and Chairperson Saunders noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders; Commissioners Beck, Ganim, and Halliday;  
and Ms. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioners Blomquist and Chiappetta

GUESTS: Mr. Joe Boyle, Glenview Resident  
Ms. Chris McCooey, League of Women Voters

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the March 19, 2012 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Page one, second line of GUESTS should read, "Mr. Russ Jensen, Village Engineer"

Page three, first paragraph, third line should read, "events; but there is stormwater leakage into the aging sanitary system."

Page four, first paragraph, first line should read, "Glenview Summer Festival a/k/a Street Sale: The NRC will be at the Glenview Summer Festival and might supply ..."

Commissioner Beck moved to approve the March 19, 2012 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0.

**General Communications**

Chairperson Saunders distributed brochures produced by the International Society of Agriculture concerning proper mulching techniques. It would be beneficial to circulate these brochures at the Glenview Summer Festival.

Natural Resources Commissioners should begin to form green tips to provide residents with seasonal ways to better serve the environment. These suggestions should be e-mailed to Commissioner Beck who will then forward them on to Ms. Lynne Stiefel. Ms. Stiefel is working with the media network Constant Contact, Inc. to connect with residents.

The NRC now meets every other month and this schedule should be reflected in all Village media.

On Saturday, June 2 the Chicago Botanic Garden will hold a World Environment Day. The keynote presentation will be WGN-TV's Meteorologist Tom Skilling and News Anchor Bob Jordan, and University of Illinois Professor Don Wuebbles.

Commissioners Halliday and Blomquist and some Boy Scouts have been removing garlic mustard from Sleepy Hollow Park.

### **Consideration of Cases on the Agenda**

None.

### **Old Business**

#### **• Report on Recent Meetings and Events**

##### **◦ Arbor Day, April 27**

Chairperson Saunders reported Arbor Day was enjoyable and Ms. Robyn Flakne and Mr. Roy Fickel did a terrific job. Glenbrook South High School's Project Earth members planted a River's Purple European Beech tree at GBS. Some Arbor Day volunteers entered a competition called Illinois Envirothon and placed fourth. It is a fun, outdoor, team-based program designed to help students better understand their environment through exploration of ecology, natural resource management, and current environmental issues. The Illinois Envirothon is co-sponsored by the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD), local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and cooperating state, federal and resource agencies.

Glenview received two awards this year: 1. Tree City USA (Glenview has received this award for 27 years) and 2. Tree City USA Growth Award (received for the past two years) which is given to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America. This award is designed not only to recognize achievement, but also to communicate new ideas and help the leaders of all Tree City USAs plan for improving community tree care.

##### **◦ 2012 Chicago River Day, May 12**

Chairperson Saunders said River Day was successful in removing a lot of garbage. The approximately sixty volunteers consisted of families, Boy Scouts, GBS students and an English teacher, and Maine East students. (The Spring Chicago River Day is always held the day before Mother's Day.) The Fall River Clean-Up date is determined by NRC members. This Fall perhaps two clubs from Glenbrook South High School, Interact Club and Key Club, could participate in the Fall River Clean-Up. Chairperson Saunders will contact Ms. Flakne and the faculty sponsor of Interact Club to select a date for Fall River Clean-up Day.

◦ **Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) North Branch Watershed Planning Committee**

Ms. Flakne was a speaker at this quarterly Planning Committee meeting which gathers to discuss 319 Grant funding and other topics. Two grant proposals submitted by the Village:

1. Glenview wishes to cost-share with residents for a stabilization project on private property. As suggested by feedback received at the meeting, the Village sent out a letter asking residents to write a letter in support of this program.
2. The second proposal was not discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Ganim said meeting participants went on a tour of Dalitsch Pond in Lake Forest which was reconstructed from a borrow pit to wetlands. Dalitsch Pond receives stormwater runoff from a lot of areas including the Tollway. This water is run through meanders, wetland structures, and finally the Middle Fork Savanna.

Chairperson Saunders distributed documents to Commissioners including copies of her notes from the Buffalo Creek meeting and information from C-Map (the regional planning commission).

◦ **Council of North Suburban Environment Commissions (CONSEC)**

Commissioner Halliday reported the CONSEC meeting was held on May 5 at the Chicago Botanic Garden with seven people present from: Northbrook, Wilmette, Glencoe, and Glenview.

Northbrook

- Has a River Clean-Up Day
- Is working with the Stormwater Commission to prevent flooding
- Is looking for green solutions such as bioswales and reimbursing residents fifty percent (up to \$3,500) for installing rain gardens
- Is working with MWRD on the West Fork for flooding and recreational use
- Developed a Sustainability Plan created by both its Village and Park District
- Has a downtown redevelopment plan
- Has an Electric Aggregation program.

Wilmette

- Is updating its zoning codes for future technology changes
- Is rewriting its Environmental Commission mandate.

Glencoe

- Passed the Electric Aggregation Referendum with 85% of the vote. (The Electric Aggregation Referendum passed in all suburbs where it was on the ballot.)
- Adopted a resolution for all renewable energy.

Chicago Botanic Garden

- Held a community gathering on March 10 and discussed writing a long-term plan, among other topics
- Continues shoreline reconstruction of 1¼ mile around the lake which began on Thanksgiving Day, 2011
- Is building terraces on the shoreline, will plant in May and June, finishing in August
- Is Planning World Environment Day on June 2
- Is receiving a benefit similar to geothermal systems from the stormwater they handle.

Commissioner Ganim will attend the next CONSEC meeting on Saturday, August 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Chairperson Saunders consulted with Village officials who approved any number of NRC members may attend CONSEC meetings.

• **Planning for Upcoming Meetings and Events**

◦ **Science Symposium at Forest Preserve District**

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County held its First Annual Science Symposium at Café Brauer in Lincoln Park which was attended by people working in the field from the Forest Preserve, Field Museum, Fermilab, Argonne National Laboratory, and educational institutions. The topics included raccoons as vectors of disease, the scarcity of certain species of turtles and frogs in the forest preserve, fire, mushrooms, and coyotes in the forest preserve.

◦ **Rotary Club, May 29**

Ms. Flakne will be the Speaker at the Noontime Rotary Club meeting on May 29 and talk about green infrastructure.

◦ **Illinois Tool Works (ITW) Environment Day, June 6**

ITW is holding an event on June 6 for their employees. Ms. Flakne will give a short presentation about composting, recycling, and water conservation and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

◦ **Glenview Summer Festival a/k/a Street Sale, June 30**

Commissioner Beck will attend on behalf of the NRC.

◦ **Fourth of July Parade, July 4**

Commissioner Beck will be the Grand Marshall at the Fourth of July parade. There will be a meeting on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall to discuss parade plans including highlighting all of Glenview's environmental awards.

• **Farmer's Market Green Table**

All Green Table speakers are secured except for August 18 and October 6 and potential speakers for these two dates have been identified.

- **Waukegan Road Urban Rain Garden**

The Village received funding from the Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Program for Stormwater Management for a rain garden at the corner of Waukegan, Dewes, and River Roads. Good signage highlighting the finished rain garden is important.

- **Grant Application Updates**

See “Waukegan Road Urban Rain Garden” *above*

- **Outreach**

The Village could better connect with schools through an outreach program of a Science Fair where students receive a prize for collecting data or using scientific data from the Glenview area.

Add the Waukegan Road Rain Garden to the bike tour.

Ask Ms. Lynne Stiefel to promote a future bike tour. Details:

- All Glenview residents are eligible to participate
- The number of participants is limited
- Have a sign-up sheet at the Farmer’s Market Green Table on July 14
- Think about what scenes the bike tour will highlight: Stormwater Management Using Green Infrastructure.
- Commissioners should decide on the next bike tour date prior to the next NRC meeting.

There is a retail business in Glenview whose land is overrun with invasive species. If the Village approaches them, then removal of the invasives is more of an enforcement issue rather than educational outreach. Mowing would control the weeds from seeding but not eradicate the weeds.

Commissioner Beck recently learned that Portland, Oregon is starting to make curbs out of porous concrete so when the streets flood, water will go through the curbs.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Beck moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott  
Recording Secretary